

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-13 are pending. Claims 6 and 7 are amended to correct informalities.

II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 6-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite.

The Examiner rejects claim 6 on the grounds that the term "vinyl derivative (2)" is not present in independent claim 1. In response, claim 6 is rejected to recite "vinyl derivative (2b)" rather than "vinyl derivative (2)."

The Examiner rejects claim 7 on the grounds of the preamble. In response, the preamble of claim 7 is amended at the request of the Examiner to recite "a method of preparing cis-cyclohexanepropanoic acid of formula (11), and the structure of formula (11) is included." Support for this amendment is found in the application as filed, at pages 7-8.

In view of the action taken and arguments made, it is believed that the indefiniteness rejections have been overcome. It is requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the statement in the office action that claims 1-5 and 13 are allowed, and claims 6-12 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In view of the action taken, it is believed that all claims 1-13 as now presented are allowable.

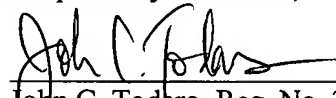
IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims 1-13 are not indefinite and are now in condition for allowance.

Favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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